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Mauna Loa Solar Observatory Observer's Log  
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Thu Jan 21 18:26:29 GMT 1999

Year: 99 Doy: 021

Observer: koon

WEATHER COMMENT: Thu Jan 21 18:26:40 GMT 1999

Clear sky, wind=5 mph from the South, temp=45 F.

COMMENT: Thu Jan 21 18:26:58 GMT 1999

Read the HELCO meters this morning.

Thu Jan 21 18:28:48 GMT 1999 CHIP Startup--Initializing new tape

Thu Jan 21 18:32:02 GMT 1999 MKIII Start Patrol

Thu Jan 21 18:32:13 GMT 1999 PICS Start Patrol

Thu Jan 21 18:32:13 GMT 1999 PICS Start Patrol

COMMENT: Thu Jan 21 18:55:01 GMT 1999

Guiding seems off in declination, repointed and reset the declination guider to fix it. It's looking good now.

**\*\*LOW-L PROBLEM\*\***: Thu Jan 21 18:57:04 GMT 1999

Time is 11 seconds slow again.

Thu Jan 21 19:01:35 GMT 1999 PICS Flat

Thu Jan 21 19:02:57 GMT 1999 CHIP Bias

Thu Jan 21 19:03:15 GMT 1999 PICS End Flat

Thu Jan 21 19:03:52 GMT 1999 CHIP End Bias

Thu Jan 21 19:04:02 GMT 1999 CHIP Water

Thu Jan 21 19:04:58 GMT 1999 CHIP End Water

Thu Jan 21 20:01:33 GMT 1999 PICS Flat

Thu Jan 21 20:02:27 GMT 1999 MKIII Start Cal

Thu Jan 21 20:02:52 GMT 1999 CHIP Gain

Thu Jan 21 20:03:04 GMT 1999 PICS End Flat

Thu Jan 21 20:07:26 GMT 1999 CHIP End Gain

Thu Jan 21 20:07:36 GMT 1999 CHIP Bias

Thu Jan 21 20:08:25 GMT 1999 CHIP End Bias

Thu Jan 21 20:08:35 GMT 1999 CHIP Water

Thu Jan 21 20:09:10 GMT 1999 CHIP End Water

Thu Jan 21 20:22:38 GMT 1999 MKIII Start Patrol

Thu Jan 21 21:00:53 GMT 1999 CHIP Bias

Thu Jan 21 21:01:38 GMT 1999 PICS Flat

Thu Jan 21 21:01:52 GMT 1999 CHIP End Bias

Thu Jan 21 21:02:09 GMT 1999 CHIP Water

Thu Jan 21 21:02:46 GMT 1999 CHIP End Water

Thu Jan 21 21:03:17 GMT 1999 PICS End Flat

PSPT COMMENT: Thu Jan 21 21:04:33 GMT 1999

So far all the images I've seen today look good, I haven't seen any darkened images like some from yesterday.

**\*\*LOW-L PROBLEM\*\***: Thu Jan 21 21:10:28 GMT 1999

I'm working on the clock problem. It was still 11 seconds slow today.

I stopped the program using "q" during the sync cycle. Then did a CTRL-C to stop the startup batch file. The DOS clock was showing the same time as

the readout on the observing screen. Then I checked the cts10 board time and it also showed the incorrect time.

**\*\*LOW-L PROBLEM\*\***: Thu Jan 21 21:33:22 GMT 1999

I checked the autoexec.bat file to see if there were any cts10 related commands, I didn't see any, and when I tried to run autoexec with the incorrect DOS time it started the observing program with the same incorrect time. I'm trying to find out why rebooting the computer causes the observing program to start up with the correct time. It doesn't look like it is caused by autoexec.bat. I did see a cts10 command line in the config.sys file. The weird thing about the autoexec file was that the "lowl" command to start the observing program was already commented out, the next line had the command "splat" and when I commented that out then the observing program wouldn't be started by autoexec.

**\*\*LOW-L PROBLEM\*\***: Thu Jan 21 21:57:04 GMT 1999

When I try running "splat" it does everything like typing in "lowl" except it is harder to exit from at the "sync" cycle because it keeps trying to restart the lowl program. So this solves the old mystery of why I can easily stop observing and eject the tapes sometimes while other times the program would try to restart and sometimes cause problems. It worked better if we were exiting from the observing program that was brought up with the lowl command rather than the splat command, everytime we cycled the power or rebooted that would cause autoexec to use splat to start observing.

99 CHIP End Bias

Thu Jan 21 22:03:56 GMT 1999 CHIP Water

Thu Jan 21 22:04:35 GMT 1999 CHIP End Water

WEATHER COMMENT: Thu Jan 21 22:08:55 GMT 1999

A few small orographic clouds are passing by.

MKIII COMMENT: Thu Jan 21 22:10:28 GMT 1999

I'm not going to be able to do the Height Mask Test today due to lowl problems.

**\*\*LOW-L PROBLEM\*\***: Thu Jan 21 22:44:23 GMT 1999

The DEVICE = cts10.sys command line in config.sys apparently loads and starts the cts10 driver, and that corrects the cts10 time. I checked the cts10 timelog and saw huge periods in which there is no WWVH signal sync with the cts10 board, it is only in sync about one hour each day. When it is out of sync its own on board clock drifts and that erroneous time is being used to set the DOS clock. So, if nothing else, we could improve the lowl clock by restarting the cts10 driver more often, by software if possible.

Thu Jan 21 23:01:43 GMT 1999 PICS Flat

Thu Jan 21 23:02:07 GMT 1999 CHIP Bias

Thu Jan 21 23:03:01 GMT 1999 CHIP End Bias

Thu Jan 21 23:03:12 GMT 1999 CHIP Water

Thu Jan 21 23:03:19 GMT 1999 PICS End Flat

Thu Jan 21 23:03:52 GMT 1999 CHIP End Water

Thu Jan 21 23:11:51 GMT 1999 PICS End Patrol

Thu Jan 21 23:16:56 GMT 1999 MKIII End Patrol

\*\*LOW-L PROBLEM\*\* : Thu Jan 21 23:20:59 GMT 1999

It was beginning to look very puzzling that the correct time was being held somewhere on the cts10 board and could be accessed with a warm reboot but couldn't be accessed by the fixtime.c program, but then David just sent over a revised fixtime.c program. The old program wasn't getting the cts10 time correctly and this one was changed to fix that, so hopefully this will fix the latest clock problem.

I'm going to install the new version and start it up.

\*\*LOW-L PROBLEM\*\* : Thu Jan 21 23:52:27 GMT 1999

OK, the program is back up and observing again. I removed L00574 from drive #0 and moved L00575 from #1 to #0 and installed L00576 in drive #1.

CHIP COMMENT: Fri Jan 22 00:01:30 GMT 1999

I accidentally left this running when I stopped the other instruments, so there is no data on the end of this tape due to no Spar tracking.

Fri Jan 22 00:02:51 GMT 1999 CHIP ending tape

COMMENT: Fri Jan 22 00:09:05 GMT 1999

TAPES:

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MKIV: 99021

CHIP: C00766

PICS: P01379

LOWL: L00574 and L00575 in drive #0

Fri Jan 22 00:10:17 GMT 1999

MkIII

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